Subjects Discussed in Meeting of National Integration Council

462. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times National Integration Council has been reconstituted during the last three years;

(b) the criteria adopted for the constitution of National Integration Council and the terms of members of the Council;

(c) the number of meetings of National Integration Council held during the last three years and the number of members participated in each meeting;

(d) the issues discussed in the Council meeting during the last three years and important decisions taken therein; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to comply with the decisions taken in the meeting of National Integration Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e). During the last three years the National Integration Council has been constituted twice. There is no set criteria for the constitution of the National Integration Council. However, besides certain Central Ministers, Chief Ministers of all States and UTS having legislative Assemblies, Leaders of National Political parties and leaders of Regional political parties recognised by the Election Commission and having atleast one elected member in either House of parliament, who are ex-officio members of the NIC, some other eminent persons from various fields e.g. Business, Industry, Trade Unions, Media are also nominated as members of NIC by the prime Minister who is the ex-officio Chairman of the Council.

2. During the last three years, the NIC has met three times and 111,80 and 121 members attended these meetings, besides some special invitees. In the meetings on 11.4.90 and 22.9.90, Assam, Punjab, Kashmir, Ram-Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid Issues and the general communal situation in the country were discussed and appropriate Resolutions were passed. In the recent meeting held on 2.11.91, Communal Harmony with reference to Ram-Janam Bhoomi - Babri Masjid issue was discussed and a Resolution was passed.

3. In the meeting on 11.4.90 it was also decided to set up three Committees relating respectively to Castes and Communal Harmony, Education and Media. In the recent meeting on 2.11.91 it was decided that a Standing Committee would be set up.

4. Decisions taken in the National Integration Council meetings are forwarded to the State Governments and concerned Ministries for implementing the same. The matter relating to Ram-Janma Bhoomi - Babri masjio is subjudice.

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Pakistani Intruders

463. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani army regulars in civilian grab were arrested deep inside the Kashmir valley recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?